

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, }
AUSTIN, June 3, 1873. }

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate of the State of Texas :

SIR: I return herewith to the Senate, in which it originated, Senate bill No. 362, "An act to authorize the lessees of the State Penitentiary to delay the payment of certain amounts of money to become due the State until the expiration of their lease."

This act is returned for reconsideration, because the Legislature cannot constitutionally loan the money of the State to any private individual, but this is practically the force and effect of the act, and it provides for relieving the lessees of the penitentiary from certain payments of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) annually for three years, due by them under their contract with the State, the relief extending until the expiration of their lease, or for some twelve or thirteen years hence.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.